

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY CALLS TRADITIONALISTS "LOUD-MOUTH BULLIES"

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In a sermon on November 26, George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, denounced opponents of homosexual rights, calling them "bullying, loudmouthed controversialists." Carey is the leader of the Church of England.

Carey spoke these words during a service at Great St. Mary's in Cambridge. He was referring to the debate which is raging in regard to the attempt by the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement to "champion the homosexual cause." This organization staged a service last week in Southwark cathedral to promote its agenda, and some within the Anglican communion have raised their voice to protest these efforts to disregard and reconstruct Biblical morality.

Referring to this debate, Carey used his harshest words against those who are raising a standard for traditional biblical morality. He implied that love and compassion does not allow a Christian to stand against immorality, stating, "How easy it is for Christian people debating moral and ethical issues to make a mockery of our own faith" (The Daily Mail, Nov. 27, 1996).

The Archbishop could not be more wrong. Biblical love is not in contradiction to contending for truth and righteousness. Bible love is obedience to the Word of God. "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" (1 John 5:3). Any definition of "love" which results in lawlessness or license or compromise or spiritual carelessness or passivism, is not biblical love. The Apostle Paul certainly practiced the love of Christ in his ministry, but he was continually involved in contention against error and unrighteousness. In Acts 13:9,10, shortly after he began his first missionary journey, we see him contending with the sorcerer at Paphos. In Acts 13:40,41 we find him contending with the unbelieving Jews at Philippi. In Acts 15 we find him contending with the Judaizers. In his letters to Corinth we find him contending against all sorts of error and sin. In his epistle to the Galatians we find him contending against those who were attempting to pervert the Gospel. In his epistles to Timothy and Titus he mentions false teachers and compromisers by name 10 different times.

The same Apostle instructed God's people with these words: "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, BUT RATHER REPROVE THEM" (Ephesians 5:11).

Christian love does not shut its eyes to error and unrighteousness; it stands unhesitatingly for the truth of God's Word, AND it raises a standard against those who attempt to pervert the Faith once delivered to the saints. Jude 3. The sincere born again Christian loves the Lord Jesus

Christ too much to compromise His truth, for Christ said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

It never ceases to amaze me that ecumenists and modernistic and neo-evangelical preachers continually broadcast their opinion that the old-fashioned Bible believer is unloving and judgmental, but these are ever at liberty to lambast the same unmercifully. If a fundamentalist would use the term "loud mouth bully" to describe a modernist, if he would call the modernist a hypocrite, if he claims that modernists "make a mockery of the faith," that fundamentalist is scorned to the high heavens and is told that he is unloving and judgmental and unchristian. The modernist can say exactly the same thing about the fundamentalist, though, but he, allegedly, is loving and nonjudgmental. An incredibly hypocritical double standard exists here.